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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** 

1. (Currently Amended) A method for visualizing correlation data concerning two

biological events or the correlation data and feature data regarding each event in a matrix format,

the method comprising:

acquiring correlation data concerning biological events of the same or different kinds,

and feature data regarding each biological event;

processing said correlation data concerning biological events of the same or different

kinds, and feature data regarding each biological event; and

displaying said correlation data concerning biological events of the same or different

kinds, or the correlation data and feature data regarding each biological event in (a) one of a

plurality of prepared data display formats and at (b) one of a plurality of prepared summarization

levels, either manually or automatically, depending on the number of data items in desired

display data, in order to visualize said correlation data and said feature data.

2. (Original) The visualizing method according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of data

display formats (a) from which one is selected include: (A) a table data display format having

correlation data concerning a pair of events as a single display data unit; (B) a table data display

format having correlation data concerning clusters obtained as a result of clustering of events as

a single display data unit; and (C) a data display format having the result of statistically

processing a set of correlation data as a single display data unit.

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3. (Original) The method for visualizing correlation data concerning biological events

according to claim 2, wherein the clustering method (B) comprises clustering based on attribute

information regarding the two biological events or correlation information between the two

biological events.

4. (Currently Amended) The visualizing method according to claim 2, wherein, in the

table data display format (B) having correlation data concerning clusters as a single table data

unit, the results are result is rearranged on a diagonal in order of decreasing correlation intensity

from the upper left of the table.

5. (Original) The visualizing method according to claim 1, comprising a summarization

method selected from the plurality of summarization levels (b) that include display or non-

display of a data field, reduction of data in a data field of the character type, and reduction of

data in a data field of the numeric value type.

6. (Currently Amended) The visualizing method according to elaim 5, wherein

the reduction of data in the data field of the character type comprises operations of extracting a

part of layers of character information in a layered structure, extracting a keyword from the

character data that is registered in advance, and associating the character data with a single sign,

letter, or color.

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7. (Currently Amended) The visualizing method according to claim 3 claim 5, wherein

the reduction of data in the data field of the numerical value type comprises operations of

rounding a <u>numerical</u> value <u>type</u> to <del>an arbitrary</del> <u>a</u> significant digit, extracting only [[the]] <u>an</u>

exponential portion of the numerical value type, and associating values said numerical value type

in a certain range with a color.

8. (Original) The visualizing method according to claim 1, wherein the method for

automatically selecting the screen display format and the summarization level of data comprises

selecting a pair of a data display format and a data summarization level depending on the number

of entries of the correlation data to be displayed on screen and the size of an information display

region and an information display unit that are designated in advance, such that a maximum

amount of information can be provided.

9. (Original) The visualizing method according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of kinds of

correlation data concerning the biological events are displayed simultaneously in the cells of the

matrix in an identifiable manner.

10. (Original) The visualizing method according to claim 1, wherein the correlation data

concerning the biological events comprises an interaction between LMW compounds and

proteins.

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11. (Original) The method for visualizing correlation data concerning biological events

according to claim 1, wherein, as the biological events, a structural unit is defined on the basis of

atoms in a molecule or a set of atoms in a molecule for each molecule in a complex of one or

more molecules, a representative position of the structural unit is defined on the basis of the

coordinates of atoms of which the structural unit is composed, and information about the

distance between the representative positions of the structural units is displayed in the cells in the

matrix, said matrix having each of the structural units as elements in the rows and columns

thereof.

12. (Original) A method for analyzing correlation information concerning two biological

events, comprising extracting a feature quantity of the biological events that is common to the

members of the clusters according to claim 2.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for analyzing correlation information concerning

two biological events according to claim 12, wherein [[the]] said feature quantity of the

biological events is represented by one or a plurality of elements consisting of values or text, or a

feature quantity that expresses the three-dimensional structure of a molecule.

14. (Cancelled)

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15. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer-readable recording medium having

stored thereon a computer in which a program for causing a computer to implement the

visualizing method, analysis method, or database according to claims 1, 12 or 14 is stored

visualizing correlation data concerning two biological events or the correlation data and feature

data regarding each event in a matrix format, said computer program, when executed, causing a

computer to perform the steps of:

acquiring correlation data concerning biological events of the same or different kinds,

and feature data regarding each biological event;

processing said correlation data concerning biological events of the same or different

kinds, and feature data regarding each biological event; and

displaying said correlation data concerning biological events of the same or different

kinds, or the correlation data and feature data regarding each biological event in (a) one of a

plurality of prepared data display formats and at (b) one of a plurality of prepared summarization

levels, either manually or automatically, depending on the number of data items in desired

display data, in order to visualize said correlation data and said feature data.

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16. (New) A tangible computer-readable recording medium having stored thereon a

computer program for analyzing correlation information concerning two biological events, said

computer program, when executed, causing a computer to perform the steps of:

acquiring correlation data concerning biological events of the same or different kinds,

and feature data regarding each biological event;

processing said correlation data concerning biological events of the same or different

kinds, and feature data regarding each biological event; and

displaying said correlation data concerning biological events of the same or different

kinds, or the correlation data and feature data regarding each biological event in

(a) one of a plurality of prepared data display formats selected from the group

consisting of (A) a table data display format having correlation data concerning a pair of

events as a single display data unit; (B) a table data display format having correlation

data concerning clusters obtained as a result of clustering of events as a single display

data unit; and (C) a data display format having the result of statistically processing a set

of correlation data as a single display data unit and at

(b) one of a plurality of prepared summarization levels;

selecting one of (a) or (b), either manually or automatically, depending on the number of data

items in desired display data;

extracting a feature quantity of the biological events that is common to the members of

said clusters.

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